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The Cover . . .

(clockwise) The Youth Witness 1977 Judges; 3rd Place Individual Winner, Michelle Jackson; A member of the Senior High Youth Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pa; Runner-up Jerry Fields and puppets; The Youth of Terrace Parke General Baptist, Evansville, In. (runners-up).

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

July 11-15 — the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania

August 13-20 — New York State Union Summer Assembly, Lake Canadaigua

August 15-20 — Virginia Union 83rd Christian Endeavor Convention, Bridgewater, Virginia

September 9-10 — Missouri Union State Convention, St. Louis, Missouri

September 18 — Washington State Christian Endeavor Sunday

JESUS

by Michelle Jackson

Jesus died for you and me
He's the one that set us free,
He washed all my sins away
So that I could live to see this day.

He made my heart clean and pure
So that forever my love could endure
To temptation, I shall not yield
For I am Protected by His loving shield,
The day He died on Calvary,
Was the day my soul was set free.

He who caused the blind to see,
He who died for you and me,
He who caused the lame to walk
Was He who caused the dumb to talk
He who walked upon the seas.
It's He who rules the birds and bees,
He who took the children by their hand
Was certainly a friend to man
He who turned water into wine,
All glory be Thine!

The day He died on Calvary
Was just to set you and me free,
He died for all the sins of man
They thought He'd never live again,
But He rose again on the 3rd day
And I know He's still living today.

He was a carpenter by trade
But this was the greatest sacrifice ever made
Then all the disbelievers could see
He came to earth to set our souls free.

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Christian Endeavor's Youth Witness 1977

Albert H. Diebold Awards

Individuals — 1st Place Winner

John Gill
Northport Christian Church
Newport, Tennessee

John's cartoon posters used for witnessing projects have earned a prize of \$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of full-time attendance at the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 11-15, 1977, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Societies — 1st Place Winner

The Senior Christian Society of the First Reformed Church
Kalamazoo, Michigan

For its year-long project, "Service to Others," this group will receive a cash award of \$150 plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Reading Convention on a full time basis.

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1977 Christian Youth Witness program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor were announced April 8 by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

This year's winning individual entries included posters, witnessing activities, poetry, a banner, a talk, and a puppet show project. All entries were evaluated on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, Christian witness to the community and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the Christian Youth Witness program.

Many excellent Christian witness projects were entered by societies. The projects were begun after February 16, 1976, and were completed before February 15, 1977. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, Christian witness to the community, and overall effectiveness in implementing the purpose of the Christian Youth Witness Program.

In addition to cash awards and grants, award plaques will be presented to the top seven winners in each category, and honor certificates go to all other qualified entrants. The awards will be presented during the Town Hall Session, Wednesday morning, July 13, at the 54th Christian Endeavor Convention, Reading, Pennsylvania.

This program has been made possible through the generous financial support of a memorial to Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

CARTOON EVANGELISM

Rhoan Gill of Cosby, Tennessee, is a sixth grade student at Pittman Center Elementary School and a member of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

He started his project after he heard a tape about what will happen when Jesus comes again. Rhoan says, "I believe Jesus is going to come soon. There is something everyone needs to do before He comes. I wanted to help people think about this and do something to be ready." This concern motivated the youth to design a colorful cartoon-type poster showing that Christ is the key to eternal life.

The large poster features six frames depicting a telephone conversation. A phone rings in the first frame and a mouse character answers it in the next frame. The conversation proceeds as follows:

- Second frame: "My Bible? You know Lord, I was looking for mine just the other day. No, I didn't find it. I guess I'll just have to buy a new one."
- Third frame: "Yes Lord, I know there's Prayer Service on Wednesday nights. But I work the early shift, so I'm really beat when I get home, and then, too, my favorite T.V. programs are on."
- Fourth frame: "Prayer? Oh! Yes! Lord. I do pray. When was the last time? Uh—well—Lord, I guess it was before Christmas dinner."
- Fifth frame: "How much money do I make? Well, Sir, oh about \$650.00 a month, but You know I have a lot of bills to pay, so if I have any left over, I'll send a dollar or two to some good charity work."
- Sixth frame:
(the Lord speaks) "Well . . . I thought I had the right person . . . I had an invitation for eternal life with your name on it, but I believe I've reached the wrong number!"

This poster was on public display in a local supermarket, a lodge, Rhoan's school bulletin board and in his sixth grade room. Rhoan decided to design another smaller poster that could be easily reproduced and distributed more widely. The smaller poster again features a mouse character in a phone conversation, the dialogue is as follows:

- First frame: "Hello! John, this is Jesus Christ, I just wanted to tell you I'll be coming to your house in a few days."
- Second frame: "Oh! No! Lord, not yet! I have put off being baptized and I haven't lived faithfully. Please! Give me a second chance!"
- Third frame: "Well, hurry! Because I don't know exactly when my Father will send me, but it will be soon."
- Fourth frame: The scripture, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." —Mark 16:16

This poster was reproduced in 50 copies and was placed in public businesses, restaurants, service stations, car washes, laundromats, post offices, in Gatlinburg, Sevierville, Newport, Cosby, Pigeon Forge, and Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee. Newspaper coverage of Rhoan's activity was included in four different newspapers, all of which cover a wide area of distribution.

SERVICE TO OTHERS IS TOPS!

For its year-long project, "Service to Others," the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the First Reformed Church, 302 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, has won first place in the society competition in the 1977 Christian Youth Witness Program.

This society completed several projects which allowed them to accomplish their major goal of serving others. They performed the musical, "*Come Together*," for their own congregation during a Sunday morning worship service, for a neighboring community church and for the inmates of the Kalamazoo County Jail. On a regular basis, they recalled upon the shut-ins of their church in hospitals, apartments and senior citizen homes. A Christian Endeavorer stated that "this provided a link of love between the older and younger generations where before they were merely names."

A 14 year-old boy in Kenya is sponsored through World Vision. He is not only supported financially, but during each meeting, a letter is written to him to provide a bridge of understanding between the cultures and to affirm the Endeavorers Christian concern for him. Another correspondence project involves writing letters and sending special occasion cards to servicemen and college students away from home.

These Christian Endeavorers also sponsored two church dinners. One was to celebrate the Bicentennial. The menu reflected dishes of the past and included such items as New York Clam Chowder and Boston Brown Bread. Costumes and the decor promoted the historical theme. The other dinner, a "Missionary Dinner," was prepared for the congregation at the request of the consistory. It proved to be an enjoyable time of togetherness for the church.

These Endeavorers are still going strong. Additional activities included a week of camping for Christian Endeavor members and their families; conducting a morning worship service; Christmas caroling to the church's shut-ins; sending clothing to two mission groups; publishing "*The Open Door*," the church's newspaper; and presenting a candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

Amylou Clausen of Texas Takes Second

Amylou Clausen, a senior honor student at Harlington High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Clausen of Rt. #3, Harlington, Texas. As second place winner in the individual category, she will receive \$100 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of \$75 for expenses of attending full time the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Reading, Pennsylvania.

A member of the First Christian Church in Harlington, Amylou has been very active in many community, school and church activities. Since February 1976, she was one of four participants from Valley District Christian Endeavor in the Bible Bowl Contest at the State Christian Endeavor Convention; attended local Christian Endeavor planning retreats, conventions and worker's conferences; played in her church's handbell choir which performed in the City Christmas parade, for rest homes, local churches, and the State Christian Endeavor Convention; and has served in various Christian Endeavor offices including co-president of her high school Christian Endeavor society.

Amylou was a contestant in the Cover Girl Entry in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in Mercedes, representing the Four-H Club, Six Shooter Junction at Harlington. She is a member of the Harlington Office Education Association and works part-time as a Receptionist for a local C.P.A. firm. Her job has increased her interest in accounting and she plans to either teach or study accounting in college.

The Claussen family opened their home to a foreign exchange student from Holland this past year. Wilma Huiskamp, also a senior at Amylou's high school, has been exposed to many American activities including being involved in Christian Endeavor meetings and projects in the accompaniment of Amylou.

Mrs. R. H. Fuqua, Amylou's Christian Endeavor sponsor states that Amylou, "has been a wonderful Christian witness for Christ and the church in our community and her influence will be extended much further."

Poet Michelle Jackson Captures Third

Michelle Jackson, of 2722 Bonnie View Road, Dallas, Texas, won third place in the individual competition in the 1977 Christian Youth Witness Program. For her series of poems, Michelle will receive \$75 in cash plus an award plaque.

She is an eighth grade honor student at Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School Academy, and has won several awards for public speaking. She is a very active member of Smith Chapel, A.M.E. Church in Dallas, serving as secretary of her Christian Endeavor society and as a member of the youth choir. She is also third vice-president for the Dallas District Christian Endeavor Union.

Michelle wrote her poems to show how she feels about Christianity and herself. "Through my poems I can say to people what a million words wouldn't effectively say, I can relate to both youngsters and adults . . . My poems are my way of witnessing to God, and a way of telling people of God and the wonderful things He does and will do for us all." Her poems were printed in the *Post Tribune*, a Dallas-Fort Worth weekly newspaper, and have been recited by Michelle at several church meetings, and a Christian Endeavor rally.

Fourth Place Winner is Wendell Robertson

Wendell Robertson of Rt. #1, Martinsburg, West Virginia, has won fourth place in the individual competition in the 1977 Christian Youth Witness Program. His entry was a talk entitled, "The Abolishment of Church Music," at the Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Sunday, November 14, 1976 where he is an active member. For his talk, twenty-year old Wendell will receive a \$50 cash award and a special award plaque.

Wendell has a strong interest in music as exemplified by his many music related activities. He serves as the church organist and Sunday School pianist. He has been the organist of the Tuscarora Christian Endeavor Society since 1970 and accompanies the junior choir which is sponsored by his Christian Endeavor society.

This young man has held many Christian Endeavor offices on both a local and state level. He is currently chairman of the Arts committee of his society and the state publicity and citizenship superintendent. He is a frequent contributor to the state Christian Endeavor paper, the *West Virginia Endeavorer*.

The talk, "The Abolishment of Church Music," begins with a tongue-in-cheek presentation of reasons why music should not be used in church. Wendell cites that, "it makes us forget the beauty of sience . . . and robs the congregation of too many good singers." He concludes the talk with positive reasons for having church music. Among these reasons are that it frees your spirit for worship; choir music is a rich heritage of the church; anthems contain great messages; and music is God-created.

INDIVIDUAL Runners-Up

Shirley Ledford, Rt. 6, Newport, Tennessee, is a runner-up winner in the individual category of this years Christian Youth Witness Program. For her poster, "The Sands of Time," Shirley will receive a cash award of \$25 and a special award plaque. She is a member of the Christian Endeavor society of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

The color poster is divided into four sections. Its message is that time is quickly passing and that the Lord might come today. The reader is then posed with the question, "What if the Lord came today . . . Where will you be??? Heaven or Hell?" The posters have been publicly distributed and viewed by many people in the Newport area.

"The reason I wanted to do this," Shirley said, "is because I like to do it, and because I want to bring more people to Christ. I feel like this is part of the helping of my Christian Endeavor pledge and I'd like to have my family and friends to be with me in Heaven."

Seventeen-year-old **Diane Winther** of 2207 Fuller Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a runner-up and will receive a \$25 cash award and a special award plaque for her banner, "Reach Out to Jesus."

The banner is 3'4" x 5'8" and shows an outstretched hand with the words, "Reach Out to Jesus." Four stick figures in various colors gave the impression of various races being reached. This banner has been exhibited since January in the auditorium of Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church where Diane serves as vic-president of her Christian Endeavor society.

The third runner-up is **Jerry Wayne Fields** of Rt. 2, New Cumberland, West Virginia. Jerry will receive a cash award of \$25 and a special award plaque for his puppet show project. He is a member of the High School Christian Endeavor Society of the New Cumberland, West Virginia Christian Church.

Jerry and his father constructed a background of several well-known places in their community. The puppets are similar to the Sesame Street characters. The presentations are based upon the activity involved such as Daily Vacation Bible School or the state Christian Endeavor convention. "The shows are not long, but are crisp, attention demanding and impression planting, dealing with questions germane to topics important now," says Jerry's pastor, Thomas A. Hess.

Jerry says of his puppet productions, "I feel that this is my way to demonstrate my Christian feelings . . . The point gets across to the audience, not just youngsters but adults as well. There's something about a puppet stage that makes the audience sit up and take notice."

A Parade Float Helps Cinch Second Place

The Senior High Christian Endeavor Youth of the Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania, has won second place in the society competition. For their outreach projects, the society will receive a cash award of \$100 plus a grant to a maximum of \$75 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Reading Convention.

The group completed three outreach projects. The first task was to build a float which would be entered in their community Christmas parade. The float theme was "Story of Truth," it signified both the birth and death and resurrection of Christ. The float was to meet the goals of making the community aware of the true message of Christmas, providing a relevant Christian witness in the local community, and involving the entire society in the planning, construction and display of the float.

The second project was a mission project which consisted of the construction of an addition for a rural church in Kentucky. Twenty-one young people took part in this venture, "to allow the love of God be demonstrated in action and to experience mission work in an undeveloped and needy community." In addition, they also refinished a center for the use of retarded adults.

A musical, "Celebrate Life," was the group's third project. Rehearsal, for this production lasted their summer vacation. Their goal was to, "tell others of the joy of living for Jesus Christ and to witness that joy through the medium of music." The musical was presented in the morning worship service at Central Schwenkfelder Church on August 8, 1976.

Northport Christian Church Lauds Its Third Win

The Christian Endeavor Society of Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee, has won third place in the society competition. For their youth witness projects, the group will receive \$75 in cash plus a grant to a maximum of \$50 for the expense of one or more representatives to attend this year's convention. This church is also the church home of the first place winner and a runner-up in the individual category.

The group's first project was participation in the 1976 Tennessee-Carolina Fair by presenting for public viewing a display and choral reading. The choral reading was taken from a missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," and was presented eleven times throughout the fair. The second part of this project was a visual display of a red cross with a black background with the words, "And darkness covered the people, but Christ is the light, in Him is no darkness," at the base of the cross.

"A Prescription for a Happier Life," was the group's second witness project. The young people obtained and filled 2,000 capsules with various scriptures which were distributed in eight different towns throughout four counties. The "Gos-pills" were placed in drug and grocery stores, laundromats, a post office, and other high traffic areas. These pills were accompanied by explicit directions, "Rx for a happy life, take, open capsule, read and live."

4th Place Honors

A special award plaque and \$75 in cash will be presented to the fourth place winner, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Salineville, Ohio, for its "Easter Message," and "Christmas Gift," projects.

The Easter project was the construction of a life-size likeness of Jesus coming out of a cloud to place in front of the sanctuary during the Easter season.

The Christmas project was to decorate a live Christmas tree for the Church's Christmas parties. The youth made all the decorations including paper chains, pop corn strings, and making Christmas balls from empty egg shells.

SOCIETY Runners-up

"Helping to better the Community," won runner-up honors for the **Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of the Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania**. This group and the other two runners-up will receive \$25 in cash and a special award plaque to be presented at the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Reading.

For its first project, they sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family. Turkey and all the trimmings were purchased and presented to the family. A Christmas party for the children of Maysville Community was the second project. Games, refreshments and a devotional program were provided for twenty-nine children in attendance.

The **Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York** is also a runner-up.

They hosted an open air concert of sacred music on the Village Green in front of the church. As part of an outreach program, the concert featured "The Coachmen," a popular combo of students from a Bible school. Over a hundred people attended the concert. The group hopes to repeat this event in July.

The third runner-up is the **Youth Group of Terrace Park General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana**. This group entered a float in the main parade of the West Side Club Festival. The theme of the float was, "U.S.A., One Nation Under God," and it was the only entry of 120 from a church or Christian organization.

In keeping with the Bicentennial theme of the parade, another saying, "The God Who Gave Us Life Gave Us Liberty at the Same Time," was also featured. Flags from various countries were carried by young people to emphasize this country's founding on the basis of freedom of religion. Each parade participant from this group wore a T-shirt with their name on the front and "Jesus is the Way." on the back.

Judge Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, past president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. He is superintendent of the Grandville (Michigan) Public School System, and has served as an officer in local and area Christian Endeavor organizations during the past 27 years.

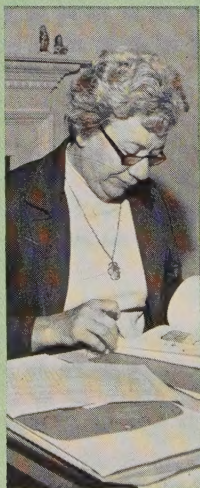


Judge Bill Piontek is a sales representative for Frost-Pack Distributing Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a member of the Ottawa Reformed Church in West Olive, MI, and is presently serving as treasurer of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.



THE JUDGING PROCESS . . .

Judge Rev. Roger D. VanderKolk, is the pastor of the Haven Reformed Church, Hamilton, Michigan. He is also presently serving as the vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.



Judge Cornelia Van Voorst is a newspaper reporter for the HOLLAND SENTINEL, Holland, Michigan. She is a member of the Sixth Reformed Church in Holland, and has handled many Christian Endeavor publicity responsibilities in that area.



1976 Red and Blue Seal

Honor Roll

The following organizations contributing \$50 or more in 1976 were issued red seal certificates, and blue seal certificates were given for those contributing a minimum of \$15.

RED SEAL

California Christian Endeavor Union
Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union, Wilmington, California
The Community Church in Plantation, Plantation, Florida
Christian Endeavor Society, Haili Congregational Church, Hilo, Hawaii
Alpha Christian Endeavor Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Hyattsville, Maryland
Michigan Conference United Brethren in Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Harlen Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Intermediate Teens, Grace Reformed Church, Taylor, Michigan
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Garri-son Road United Brethren Church, Ft. Erie, Ontario, Canada
Sherkston (Grace) United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
Central Christian Endeavor Union, Bend, Oregon
Keystone League Christian Endeavor Society, Grace Evangelical Congrega-tional Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Adult Community Christian Endeavor Society, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Old York Road Branch Philadelphia County Christian Endeavor Union (Pennsylvania)
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Caldwell Schools, Inc., Tyler, Texas
Junior and Junior High Christian En-deavor Society, Petersburg, Virginia
Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Fifth Street United Brethren Church, Sta-uton, Virginia

BLUE SEAL

Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Pin-son Presbyterian Church, Birming-ham, Alabama
Christ's Ambassadors Youth Group, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
The First Congregational Church, Cromwell, Connecticut
Christian Endeavor Society, Hanapepe First United Church of Christ, Hanapepe, Hawaii
Youth Fellowship, First Reformed Church, South Holland, Illinois
Senior Christian Endeavor Society, 45th Avenue Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana
Omega Christian Endeavor Society, Col-lege Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Alpha Teen Christian Endeavor Socie-ty, College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Junior and Youth Christian Endeavor Society, Crestview United Brethren Church, Lafayette, Indiana
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Chesterfield Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa
Varick Christian Endeavor Society, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Kansas City, Kansas
Worcester County Christian Endeavor (Massachusetts)
Senior High and Junior High Christian Endeavor Society, First Congrega-tional Church, Bancroft, Michigan
Richfield Road United Brethren Church, Flint, Michigan
Hope Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Twin Lakes Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Laketon Bethel Reformed Church, North
 Muskegon, Michigan
 Senior Christian Endeavor Society,
 Lakeland Reformed Church, Portage,
 Michigan
 Leadbelt District, Missouri Christian En-
 deavor Union, De Soto, Missouri
 Junior High-Senior High Christian En-
 deavor Society, St. Andrew Presby-
 terian Church, St. Louis, Missouri
 Cam-Glo Christian Endeavor Union, New
 Jersey
 Christian Endeavor Societies, The
 Lafayette Federated Church, Lafay-
 ette, New Jersey
 Junior High Christian Endeavor Society,
 First Presbyterian Church, Lakewood,
 New Jersey
 First Moravian Church, Riverside, New
 Jersey
 First Presbyterian Church, Woodbridge,
 New Jersey
 Junior-Senior High Christian Endeavor
 Society, Community Church of Little
 Neck, Little Neck, New York
 Christian Endeavor Society, Westport
 Federated Church, Westport, New
 York
 Varick Christian Endeavor Society,
 Paradise A.M.E. Church, Broadway,
 North Carolina
 Hood Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church,
 Fayetteville, North Carolina
 Christian Endeavor Society, Mitchell
 Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church,
 Pittsboro, North Carolina
 Allen Christian Endeavor Society, St.
 Paul A.M.E. Church, Columbus, Ohio
 Ohio
 St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Columbus, Ohio
 Inter-County Christian Endeavor Alumni,
 Galion, Ohio
 West Second Avenue United Presbyte-
 rian Church, Grove City, Ohio
 Christian Endeavor Society, Good
 Shephard Chapel, Lancaster, Ohio
 Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Grace
 Evangelical Congregational Church,
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 Omega Christian Endeavor Society,
 Greenbriar United Brethren Church,
 Ohio City, Ohio
 Christian Endeavor Poling Alumni, Olm-
 sted Falls, Ohio
 Christian Endeavor Society, Avlon United
 Brethren Church, Rushville, Ohio
 Senior High Christian Endeavor Socie-
 ty, Bethel United Presbyterian
 Church, Salineville, Ohio
 Christian Endeavor Society, Wheat
 Ridge United Presbyterian Church,
 West Union, Ohio
 Varick Christian Endeavor Society,
 Greater Jones Chapel, A.M.E. Zion
 Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
 Explorer Christian Endeavor Society,
 Bradford United Church, Bradford,
 Ontario, Canada
 Sherkston (Grace) United Brethren
 Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
 Christian Endeavor Society, St. John's
 United Church of Christ, Butler,
 Pennsylvania
 Adult Fellowship, Bethlehem United
 Methodist Church, Codorus,
 Pennsylvania
 Junior High Christian Endeavor Society,
 Grace Evangelical Congregational
 Church, Columbia, Pennsylvania
 Missionary Society, Community Christ-
 ian Church, Erie, Pennsylvania
 Christian Endeavor Society, Windsor
 Baptist Church of Uwchland, Glen-
 more, Pennsylvania
 Christian Endeavor Society, St. Jacob's
 (Stone) Union, Glenville, Pennsyl-
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 Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Trin-
 ity Evangelical Congregational
 Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society,
 Strinestown United Brethren Church,
 Manchester, Pennsylvania
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Unity
 United Presbyterian Church, Mercer,
 Pennsylvania
 West Middlesex United Presbyterian
 Church, W. Middlesex, Pennsylvania
 Young People's Christian Endeavor Soc-
 iety, First United Methodist Church,
 Mill Run, Pennsylvania
 Young Adult Christian Endeavor Society,
 Prince Street United Brethren
 Church, Newburg, Pennsylvania
 Norristown Schwenkfelder Church, Nor-
 ristown Pennsylvania
 Bethesda Presbyterian Church,
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Leverington Presbyterian Church,
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Northeast Branch Philadelphia County
 Christian Endeavor Union, Pennsy-
 vania
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society,
 Bethany Evangelical Congregational
 Church, Reading, Pennsylvania
 Adult Christian Endeavor Society, St.
 David's Union, Pennsylvania

Southeast Central District Christian Endeavor Union, Pennsylvania
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Tower Hill Christian Church, Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 High School Christian Endeavor Society, Leesburg United Presbyterian, Volant, Pennsylvania
 Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Otterbein United Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
 Senior High Christian Endeavor Society, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
 Adult Christian Endeavor Society, St. Paul Evangelical Congregational Church, York, Pennsylvania
 Christian Builders Class, Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas
 Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
 Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
 Junior High Christian Endeavor Society, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia

Adult Christian Endeavor Society, Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Disputanta, Virginia
 Junior High Christian Endeavor Society, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
 Roanoke Christian Endeavor Society, Roanoke, Virginia
 Youth Christian Endeavor Society, Roanoke Valley Baptist Temple, Salem, Virginia
 High School Christian Endeavor Society, Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Everett, Washington
 Machais Community Church, Snohomish, Washington
 Community Christian Endeavor Society, Rock Grove Baptist-Doyle Chapel Methodist Churches, Linn, West Virginia
 Christian Endeavor Society, Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia
 Parsons Presbyterian Church, Parsons, West Virginia
 Christian Endeavor Society, Elm Grove Christian Church, Wheeling, West Virginia
 Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society, Emmanuel Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin

Christian Endeavor's YOUTH WITNESS 1978

The 1978 Youth Witness contest began on February 15, 1977, as announced by Charles W. Barner, General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All youth in the United States and Canada who are members of a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group, and have not yet reached their 25th birthday by February 15, 1978, are eligible. Over \$1200 in prizes will be awarded.

To request an entry form and additional information, write to the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 1221 East Broad Street, P.O. BOX 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

NEWS



NEW PRESIDENTS ELECTED

Leah Travis of Washtucna, Washington, is the new president of the Washington State Union. She has previously served as the east-side vice president for her state's union. Leah is a member of the Washtucna Community Church.

Stephanie Vaughn is the new state president of the Oregon Union. She has served in many Christian Endeavor offices including second vice president of the Oregon Union, secretary of the Youth Assembly, and has held many positions on state committees. Stephanie is an undergraduate at Oregon State University and a member of the First United Brethren Church of Philomath, Oregon.

William H. Smith, Jr., a teacher, was recently elected president of the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D.C. Bill has served as vice president of his Adult Christian Endeavor society and superintendent of the Intermediate Christian Endeavor society. He is also actively involved in other church and community activities, as well as being a life member of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new officers!

Oregon Executive Secretary Resigns

Ten year Oregon State Executive Secretary veteran, **Louise Pulsifer**, resigned June 30th. She and her husband Ray are expecting a baby in July and Louise felt that God had led her to resign at that time.

A reception was held June 4, at the Albany Eastside Christian Church, Albany, Oregon, to honor Louise for her 10 years of faithful service.

Reading Fund Raising Events

The Mercer County Pennsylvania Union, sponsored a roller skating party on April 12. Proceeds went to their bus fund that is established to charter a bus to the Reading Convention.

The First Reformed Church of Yakima, Washington held a birthday pot luck dinner at which 12 tables were decorated with birthday cakes for each month. Afterwards, two old comedy films from the local library were shown. A free-will offering was taken.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Timothy J. Kribs

It is true joy to recognize the difference Jesus Christ makes in all of life. We have different attitudes, actions and accomplishments because of having Jesus Christ as our Lord.

It is thrilling to see an increase in the entries to our Christian Youth Witness program. This means that more are witnessing for Christ and the Church. It is a pleasure to congratulate each winner in our annual contest. Keep up your enthusiastic witnessing! It will be very good to meet and greet each of you in Reading.

I hope you are sharing our excitement regarding the 54th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Reading, Pennsylvania, July 11-15. The number already pre-registered exceeds that of any convention in the past 20 years. The program will be the finest we have ever had. I hope and pray that you will be among the thousands who will join us there.

Each part of the program is designed to exalt Jesus Christ and to challenge you to live for Him each day. I'm thankful for the outstanding program that is planned.

It is also a joy to see the growing awareness by many of our responsibility as Christian Stewards. I'm sure the Lord's blessing will continue upon us as we put Him first in thought and action. I hope you, too, are a member of the Tenth Legion. If you have never tried witnessing and shared in the blessings which came as a result, I hope you will begin now, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Please remember to keep the Quiet Hour. Please pray for the Pennsylvania '77 convention to be held in Reading, July 11-15, and join us there!

Vacation with A Purpose

Christian Endeavors Spanish Fellowship Tour October 1977

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